GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH ABSTRACT

PUBLIC SERVICES – SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT – Allegations of certain irregularities against Smt. M. Lakshmi Sudha, formerly District Social Welfare Officer, Guntur and presently Deputy Director (SW), Medak under Rule 20 of the A.P.Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991 – Articles of charges – Issued.

SOCIAL WELFARE (SER.II.1) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No. 658 DATED: 19-09-2009

ORDER:

It is proposed to hold an enquiry against Smt. M. Lakshmi Sudha, formerly District Social Welfare Officer, Guntur and presently Deputy Director (SW), Medak, in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 20 of the A.P. Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991.

- 2. The substance of the imputations of irregularities in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be is set out in the enclosed Statement of Articles of Charges (Annexure-I). A statement of imputations of irregularities in support of the Article of Charge is enclosed (Annexure-II). A list of documents by which, and a list of witnesses by whom, the articles of charges are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed (Annexure-III & IV).
- 3. Smt. M. Lakshmi Sudha, formerly District Social Welfare Officer, Guntur and presently Deputy Director (SW), Medak is directed to submit her written statement of defence, within 15 days from the date of receipt of this order.
- 4. Smt. M. Lakshmi Sudha, formerly District Social Welfare Officer, Guntur and presently Deputy Director (SW), Medak is informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of the Article of Charge as are not admitted. She should, therefore, specifically admit or deny the Article of Charge.
- 5. Smt. M. Lakshmi Sudha, formerly District Social Welfare Officer, Guntur and presently Deputy Director (SW), Medak is further informed that if she does not submit her written statement of defence on or before the date specified in para 3 above, or otherwise fails or refuses to comply with the provisions of rule 20 of APCS (CCA) Rules, 1991 or the orders / directions issued in pursuance of the said rules, the Inquiring Authority may hold the inquiry against her ex parte.
- 6. Attention of Smt. M. Lakshmi Sudha, formerly District Social Welfare Officer, Guntur and presently Deputy Director (SW), Medak is invited to Rule 24 of the A.P. Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964, under which no Government Servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further her interests in respect of matters pertaining to her service under the Government. If any representation is received on her behalf from another person in respect of any matter dealt in these proceedings it will be presumed that Smt. M. Lakshmi Sudha, formerly District Social Welfare Officer, Guntur and presently Deputy Director (SW), Medak is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at her instance and action will be taken against her for violation of Rule 24 of the A.P. Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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To

Smt. M. Lakshmi Sudha, formerly District Social Welfare Officer, Guntur and presently Deputy Director (SW), Medak (Through the Commissioner of Social Welfare, A.P., Hyderabad)

Copy to.

The Commissioner of Social Welfare, A.P., Hyderabad, with a request to serve the articles of charge on the Charged Officer and return the served copy to Government for record. SF/SC's.

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ANNEXURE-1

STATEMENT OF ARTICLES OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SMT. M. LAKSHMI SUDHA, FORMERLY DISTRICT SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICER, GUNTUR AND PRESENTLY DEPUTY DIRECTOR (SW), MEDAK

ARTICLE OF CHARGE - I

That Smt. Muvva Lakshmi Sudha, D/o Surya Prakash, Age 31 years, during the period between 30-08-2007 to 15-11-2008 committed irregularity in-as-much as she (SO3) in abuse of her official position did not inspect the Govt. Social Welfare College Boys Hostel-I, NSP Colony, Narasaraopet, Guntur District properly and did not make any entries in the Inspection Register of the hostel from the date of assuming the charge of Guntur i.e., on 30-08-2007 and neglected her duties and functions as prescribed in the job chart of District Social Welfare Officers.

Thus Muvva Lakshmi Sudha by her above mentioned acts has exhibited lack of integrity and supervision, devotion to duty and conduct unbecoming of Govt. Servant and thereby violated Rule 3 (5) of A.P.C.S. (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

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ANNEXURE-II

STATEMENT OF IMPUTATIONS OF MISCONDUCT OR MISBEHAVIOUR IN SUPPORT OF THE ARTICLES OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SMT. M. LAKSHMI SUDHA, FORMERLY DISTRICT SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICER, GUNTUR AND PRESENTLY DEPUTY DIRECTOR (SW), MEDAK

That Smt. Lakshmi Sudha is a native of Dagadarthi (Village & Mandal) Nellore District. Her date of birth is 01-06-1977. She entered into Government Service as 1) As Asst. Section Officer, Minorities Welfare Department, A.P., Secretariat, Hyderabad from 15-04-2002 F.N. to 07-03-2007 A.N. 2) As District Social Welfare Officer training at O/o the Dy.Director (SW), Hyderabad from 08-03-2007 F.N. to 29-08-2007.

3) D.S.W.O., Guntur in the O/o the Joint Director (SW) Guntur from 30-08-2007 to till date. Her scale of pay is Rs.10285-24200 and her Basic pay is Rs.10565/-. She is due to retire on attaining the age of superannuation on 31-05-2035 A.N. She is here-in-after referred to as the Government Servant.

ALLEGATION:

That Smt. Lakshmi Sudha while functioning as District Social Welfare Officer, Guntur District during the period between 30-08-2007 to 15-11-2008 committed irregularity in-as-much as she in abuse of her official position did not inspect the Govt. Social Welfare College Boys Hostel-I, NSP Colony, Narasaraopet, Guntur District properly and did not make any entries in the Inspection Register of the hostel from the date of assuming the charge of DSWO, Guntur i.e., on 30-08-2007 and neglected her duties and functions as prescribed in the job chart of District Social Welfare Officers.

FACTS IN EVIDENCE:

On reliable information that the Honorary Director of Social Welfare College Boys Hostel-I, NSP Colony, Narasaraopet, Guntur District was not maintaining the records/registers properly and swallowing the funds allotted to the Hotel and thereby indulging in heavy corruption and irregularities, the Range Inspector-II, A.C.B., Viajayawada Range, Vijayawada, conducted a surprise check on the said Hostel from 19-15 hrs., on 14-11-2008 to 01-45 hrs., on 15-11-2008 in the presence of Mediators (1) Sri Dhulipala Panchamukha Anjaneyulu, S/o Late Pedda Buchaiah, aged 41 years, Deputy Commercial Tax Officer, O/o Commercial Tax Office, Guntur, r/o Flat No.201, Akash Residency, 8th lane, Syamalanagar, Guntur. (2) Sri P.Siva Rama Krishnaiah, S/o Late Veeraswamy, Age 48 years, Junior Assistant, O/o Commercial Tax Office, Guntur, R/o 36-23-5, Nagarampalem, near Jeedichettu, Guntur and drafted the Mediators Report to that effect.

As per the job chart containing the duties and functions of District Social Welfare Officer, the D.S.W.O. should thoroughly inspect all the hostels and other institutions located in their jurisdiction at least 15 days in a month without fail as per the instructions given from time to time according to the inspections formats prescribed and D.S.W.O. is responsible for taking follow up action on the deficiencies noticed in the hostels during the inspection. It is the responsibility of the D.S.W.O. that the Honorary Director / Hostel Welfare Officer maintains registers properly.

But during the surprise check as per the records available i.e., Inspection Register was not maintained in the Govt. Social Welfare College Boys Hostel-I, NSP Colony, Narasaraopet, Guntur District, the Govt. Servant Smt. M.Lakshmi Sudha, D.S.W.O. assumed the charge of DSWO, Guntur on 30-08-2007 and since then she did not visit the Govt. Social Welfare College Boys Hotel-I, NSP Colony, Narasaraopet, Guntur District and the Inspection Register was not maintained in the hostel and thereby the Government Servant committed irregularity.

As per the G.O.Ms.No.54, dated 31-05-1999 and job chart containing the duties and functions of District Social Welfare Officers, the D.S.W.O. should thoroughly inspect all the Government hostels and other institutions including colleges, in their jurisdiction. She will be the touring officer at least 15 days in a month and inspect all Govt. Hostels, orphanages, beggar homes and other institutions functioning under the proper maintenance of these institutions etc., duties without fail as per the instructions given from time to time according to the inspections formats prescribed and D.S.W.O. is responsible for taking follow up action on the deficiencies noticed in the hostels during the inspections. It is the responsibility of the D.S.W.O. that she will ensure that the Honoray Director and the A.S.W.O. maintain the registers properly. But as per the records available, the Government Servant Smt. Lakshmi Sudha, D.S.W.O. holding the charge of Guntur District from 30-08-2007 and since then she did not visit the Govt. Social Welfare College Boys Hostel-I, NSP Colony, Narsaraopet, Guntur District and on perusal of the records maintained in the hostel that there was no inspection register maintained. No entries of inspection by the Officers of Social Welfare Department were found in any of the registers maintained in the hostel. Thereby the Government Servant committed irregularity.

Thus the Govt. Servant Smt. Lakshmi Sudha, District Social Welfare Officer, Guntur, Guntur District by her above mentioned acts, has exhibited lack of integrity and supervision devotion to duty and conduct unbecoming of a Government Servant and thereby contravened Rule 3(5) of A.P.C.S. (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

The Government Servant has therefore rendered herself liable for regular departmental action for major penalty.

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ANNEXURE-III

LIST OF DOCUMENTS BY WHICH THE ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SMT. M. LAKSHMI SUDHA, FORMERLY DISTRICT SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICER, GUNTUR AND PRESENTLY DEPUTY DIRECTOR (SW), MEDAK ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED.

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- 1. Mediators Report, drafted at the Social Welfare College Boys Hotel-I, NSP Colony, Narasaraopet, Guntur District from 19-15 hrs on 14-11-2008 to 01-45 hrs on 15-11-2008 in SC.No. 6/SC-ACB-VJA/2008 of A.C.B. Vijayawada Range, Vijayawada.
- 2. Letter in Rc.No.A1/10037/2007, dt.06-12-2008 of the Joint Director of Social Welfare, Guntur District.
- 3. If any documents found to be relevant will be furnished during the enquiry.

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ANNEXURE-IV

LIST OF WITNESSES BY WHOM THE ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SMT. M. LAKSHMI SUDHA, FORMERLY DISTRICT SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICER, GUNTUR AND PRESENTLY DEPUTY DIRECTOR (SW), MEDAK

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- 1) Sri Dhulipala Panchamukha Anjeneyulu, S/o Late Pedda Bucheaiah, aged 41 years, Deputy Commercial Tax Officer, O/o Commercial Tax Office, Guntur, r/o Flat No.201, Akash Residency, 8th lane, Syamalanagar, Guntur.
- 2) Sri P.Siva Rama Krishnaiah, S/o Late Veeraswamy, Age 48 years, Junior Assistant, O/o Commercial Tax Office, Guntur, R/o 36-23-5, Nagarampalem, near Jeedichettu, Guntur.
- 3) Chintapalli Raju, S/o Vilsan, Age 17 years, Sr.Inter, Dammalapadu Village, Muppalla (M), Guntur District.
- 4) Lam Prathap, S/o Prasad (Late), age 17 years, Sr.Inter, DMLT Krishnaveni College, Uppaluru Village, Kankipadu (M), Krishna District.
- 5) Bokka Ramesh, S/o Hanumaiah, Sr.Inter, Challagundla Village, Narikallu (M), Guntur District.
- 6) Tepettla Nagabhushanam, S/o Chinababu, age 17 years, Sr.Inter, Palapadu Village, Narasaraopet (M).
- 7) Namburi Anilbabu, S/o Philip, Age 20 years, DMLT 1st year, NSP Agraharam, Kurchedu (M), Prakasam District.
- 8) Janarajupalli Dravid, S/o Yeohen, Age 20 years, 2nd B.Sc., Nakkabokkalapadu Village, Ballikurava (M), Prakasam District.
- 9) Kondaviti Rambabu, S/o Anandarao, age 18 years, Sr.Inter, Chandrarajupalem Village, Bellakonda (M).
- 10) Palepogu Yogeswara Rao, S/o Peraiah, age 21 years, Degree Final B.Sc., Yaakallu (v), Savalyapuram (M), Guntur.
- 11) Varla Picchaiah, S/o Koteswara Rao, age 18 years, Sr.Inter, M.P.C., Kunkulagunta (V), Nakirikallu (M), Guntur.
- 12) Kataru Rattaiah, S/o Koteswara Rao, age 17 years, Sr.Inter Bi.P.C., Mamillapalem, (V), Prakasam District.
- 13) Vinjamuri Ashok, S/o Nageswara Rao, age 17 years, Sr. Inter M.P.C. Janapadu (M), Piduguralla, Guntur.
- 14) Nuthakki Parameswara Rao, S/o Venkaiah, age 17 years, Sr.Inter Bi.P.C., Thubaddu (V), Nadendla (M), Guntur
- 15) Parimi Vijay Babu, S/o Rajarao, age 20 years, 2nd B.A. Computers, Chepalamadugu ©, Pullaiacheruvu (M), Prakasam District.
- 16) Mamidi Vijayakumar, S/o Mariyadarao, age 19 years, Sr.Inter Bi.P.C., Petasanniguntla (V), Karampudi (M), Guntur.
- 17) Depangi Yellamanda, S/o Chhinna Nageswara Rao, Age 20 years, 2nd B.Com, Kandlagunta (V), Nakirikallu (M), Guntur.
- 18) Sri Kambampati Adinarayana, S/o Nageswara Rao, age 20 years, 3rd B.Com, SSN College, Narasaraopet, Kandipadu (V), Bellamkonda (M), Guntur District. (Mess Secretary).
- 19) Sathuluri Kalyan, S/o Yalamanda, age 20 years, Joint Secretary, Janapadu (V), Piduguralla (M), Guntur, PNC & KR College, NRI.
- 20) Sri C.M.Gangaiah, District Inspector, Krishna, A.C.B., Vijayawada Range, Vijayawada.
- 21) Y.Jagannadha Rao, Range Inspector-II, A.C.B., Vijayawada Range, Vijayawada.
- 22) Joint Director of Social Welfare, Guntur.
- 23) If any witness found to be relevant will be produced during the enquiry.

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